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# YFS Minutes 09/12/2017

## Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services Commission Meeting Minutes SEPTEMBER 12, 2017; 5:45 pm Old Saybrook Town Hall, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

### Members Present:

Sam Barnes, Chairman, Old Saybrook Department of Police Services  
Jennifer Welsh, Vice Chairman  
Jonathan Paradis, Secretary; Parks and Recreation Representative  
Lisa Castro, School Counselor, Representative  
Mary Ann Iadarola, Public Health Nursing Board Representative  
Sophie Alden, Student Representative  
Sarah Anderson, Student Representative  
Sharon Tiezzi, At-large member  
Michael Rafferty, HCHY Rep.  
Gretchen Bushnell, HCHY Rep.

### Also Present:

Heather McNeil, LMFT; LADC; Director Y&FS  
Gerri Lewis, Clerk

### Absent:

Christi Staples, PCI Housing Representative

### Guests:

Betsey Chadwick, MCSAAC

I.	<b><u>Call to Order</u></b> Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:47 pm. He welcomed attendees and thanked all for being champions for Youth & Family Services. He told the commission that this would be his last meeting and he was going to retire.
II.	<b><u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></b> Chairman Barnes led the pledge of allegiance.
III.	<b><u>Comments from the Public –</u></b> None
IV.	<b><u>Review and Approval of Minutes</u></b> A motion to approve the June minutes was made by Ms. Tiezzi, seconded by Ms. Castro was so voted with 2 abstentions.
V.	<b><u>Chairman's Comments</u></b> - Chairman Barnes again spoke about stepping down after many years and retiring from the OSPD. Ms. McNeil thanked Chairman Barnes for all he had done for her and for Youth & Family. She noted that Chairman Barnes was instrumental in guiding her through many decisions. Ms. Bushnell noted that Chairman Barnes was originally on HCHY.
VI.	<b><u>Director's Report</u></b> Ms. McNeil thanked all for coming. She reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair discussion: Ms. Welsh will serve as the interim chair;</li><li>• Summer Programming: All full and summer stock was full; there were no outside directors;</li><li>• #322 Renovation (Outside)/Timeline; moved back to week of 9/25; looking really great; Dan doing a wonderful job; driveway will be chip sealed; ramp replaced;</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall Programming – Rescheduling of Family Day; Family Day is on hold; Ms. McNeil spoke about re-naming it Community Day or OS Day was suggested by Ms. Bushnell;</li> <li>• LPC – State Budget Cuts; funding cuts; not just Middlesex County; Ms. Anderson noted that there were about 60 students looking for Community Service Hours;</li> <li>• Interns; Ms. McNeil talked briefly about the NARCAN Training that was being offered to the public. Discussion....pharmacists to attend; drug and alcohol counselors; Ms. McNeil will speak with Ms. Chadwick;</li> <li>• YAC – PYDI Maine; At this time looking for students and reps to be facilitators; fabulous experience; students making a film clip;</li> <li>• Community Programming: Cardone &amp; Daughter will do a car seminar to identify problems without calling parents event; also there will be a finance literacy event; also life skills before off to college; job interviewing. 'Movies on the Beach' will be facilitated by Park &amp; Rec. beginning next summer</li> </ul>
VII.	<b>Old Business –</b>
VIII.	<p><b>New Business</b> – Ms. McNeil noted that 9/22 is the Shoreline Clinical Breakfast at the Pavilion with Dr. Condulis. Providers working together; relationship; training; community providers, schools, counselors will attend. Time: 7:30 – 9:15 a.m. Breakfast provided.</p> <p>Ms. McNeil noted that the YAC Spaghetti Dinner is October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic Temple.</p>
IX.	<p><b>Other Business</b> - Reminder that YAC meets the first and third Thursdays. Jr. YAC will meet October 12<sup>th</sup> for the first time.</p> <p>Sophie Alden was a mentor at the retreat. There were 17 seniors; cabin mentors;</p>
X.	<p><b>Adjournment</b> – A motion to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. by Ms. Tiezzi seconded by Ms. Alden and was so VOTED unanimously.</p> <p>Submitted: Gerri Lewis, Clerk</p>